

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

1. (Canceled) An animal toy, including
 - (a) a compressibly elastically deformable hollow thin-walled rubber core sealingly circumscribing and enclosing selected compressible gaseous volume and including a center, an outer surface, a wall less than about three-sixteenths of an inch thick, and points on the outer surface at varying distances from the center;
 - (b) a felt cover affixed to said outer surface of said core;
 - (c) at least one elongate strip of material extending over said outer surface as a line of demarcation to separate said felt cover into at least two areas, one on either side of said strip of material.
2. (Canceled) An animal toy, including
 - (a) a compressibly elastically deformable hollow thin-walled rubber core sealingly circumscribing and enclosing a selected compressible gaseous volume and including:
 - (i) a center;
 - (ii) an outer surface,
 - (iii) a wall less than about three-sixteenths of an inch thick,
 - (iv) points on the outer surface at varying distances from the center, and
 - (v) an inner wall portion circumscribing an aperture extending completely through said core;
 - (b) a felt cover affixed to said outer surface of said core.

- 1 3. (Canceled) An animal toy, including
2 (a) a compressibly elastically deformable thin-walled hollow symmetrical rubber
3 core sealingly circumscribing and enclosing a selected compressible
4 gaseous volume and including
5 (i) a center;
6 (ii) an outer surface,
7 (iii) a wall less than about three-sixteenths of an inch thick,
8 (iv) points on the outer surface at varying distances from the center, and
9 (b) a felt cover affixed to said outer surface of said core; said systemically core
10 being shaped and dimensioned such that the toy can be thrown to bounce
11 (i) along a straight line, and
12 (ii) such that the direction of travel of the toy changes from bounce to
13 bounce.
- 13 4. (Canceled) An animal toy, including
14 (a) a compressibly, elastically deformable thin-walled hollow rubber core sealing
15 circumscribing and enclosing a selected compressible gaseous volume and
16 including
17 (i) a center;
18 (ii) an outer surface,
19 (lii) a wall less than about three-sixteenths of an inch thick,
20 (iv) points on the outer surface at varying distances from the center, and
21 (v) an inner wall portion circumscribing an aperture extending completely
22 through said core, said core bing shaped and dimensioned such that
23 the toy when thrown randomly will bounce erratically; and,
24 (b) a felt cover affixed to said outer surface of said core; and
25 (c) a length of rope extending through said aperture such that said rope can be
26 grasped to throw the toy.
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- 1 5. (Canceled) An animal toy, including
2 (a) compressibly, elastically deformable thin-walled hollow rubber core sealingly
3 circumscribing and enclosing a selected compressible gaseous volume and
4 including
5 (i) a center;
6 (ii) an outer surface,
7 (iii) a wall less than about three-sixteenths of an inch thick,
8 (iv) points on the outer surface at varying distances from the center, and
9 said core being shaped and dimensioned such that the toy when
10 thrown randomly will bounce erratically; and,
11 (b) a felt cover affixed to said outer surface of said core and including a plurality
12 of fibers forming a soft compressible layer adjacent said outer surface.
- 13 6. (Canceled) An animal toy, including
14 (a) compressibly, elastically deformable thin-walled hollow rubber core sealingly
15 circumscribing and enclosing a selected compressible gaseous volume and
16 including
17 (i) a center;
18 (ii) an outer surface,
19 (iii) a wall less than about three-sixteenths of an inch thick,
20 (iv) points on the outer surface at varying distances from the center, and
21 said core being shaped and dimensioned such that the toy when
22 thrown randomly will bounce erratically, and,
23 (b) a felt cover affixed to said outer surface of said core and including a plurality
24 of fibers forming a soft compressible layer adjacent said outer surface.
- 25 7. (Canceled) An animal toy, including
26 (a) a compressibly elastically deformable hollow thin-walled *non-spherical rubber*
27 core sealingly circumscribing and enclosing a selected compressible
28 gaseous volume and including a center, a *non-spherical* outer surface, a wall
one-sixteenth to five-sixteenths of an inch thick, and points on the outer
surface at varying distances from the center;

- 1 (b) a felt cover affixed to said outer surface of said core;
2 (c) at least one elongate strip of material extending over said outer surface as
3 a line of demarcation to separate said felt cover into at a least two areas, one
4 on either said of said strip of material.
- 5 8. (Canceled) An animal toy, including
6 (a) a compressibly elastically deformable hollow thin-walled *non-spherical* rubber
7 core sealingly circumscribing and enclosing a selected compressible
8 gaseous volume and including
9 (i) a center;
10 (li) a *non-spherical* outer surface,
11 (lii) a wall *one-sixteenth to five-sixteenths* of an inch thick,
12 (iv) an inner wall portion circumscribing an aperture extending completely
13 through said core;
14 (b) a felt cover affixed to said outer surface of said core.
- 15 9. (Canceled) An animal toy, including
16 (a) a compressibly elastically deformable hollow thin-walled *non-spherical* rubber
17 core sealingly circumscribing and enclosing a selected compressible
18 gaseous volume and including
19 (i) a center;
20 (li) a *non-spherical* outer surface,
21 (iii) a wall *one-sixteenth to five-sixteenths* of an inch thick,
22 (iv) points on the outer surface at varying distances from the center; and,
23 (b) a felt cover affixed to said outer surface of said core;
24 said symmetrical core being shaped and dimensioned such that the toy can
25 be thrown to bounce
26 (i) along a straight line, and
27 (ii) *erratically* such that the direction fo travel of the toy changes from
28 bounce to bounce due *to the shape and dimension* of the toy.

- 1 10. (Canceled) An animal toy, including
2 (a) a compressibly elastically deformable hollow thin-walled *non-spherical* rubber
3 core sealingly circumscribing and enclosing a selected compressible
4 gaseous volume and including
5 (i) a center;
6 (li) a *non-spherical* outer surface,
7 (lii) a wall *one-sixteenth to five-sixteenths* of an inch thick,
8 (iv) points on the outer surface at varying distances from the center,
9 (v) an inner wall portion circumscribing an aperture extending completely
10 through said core, said core being shaped and dimensioned such that
11 the toy when thrown randomly *likely* will bounce erratically; and
12 (b) a felt cover affixed to said outer surface of said core; and,
13 (c) a length of rope extending through said aperture such that said rope can be
14 grasped to throw the toy.
- 15 11. (Canceled) An animal toy, including
16 (a) a compressibly elastically deformable hollow thin-walled *non-spherical* rubber
17 core sealingly circumscribing and enclosing a selected compressible
18 gaseous volume and including
19 (i) a center;
20 (li) a *non-spherical* outer surface,
21 (iii) a wall *one-sixteenth to five-sixteenths* of an inch thick,
22 (iv) points on the outer surface at varying distances from the center,
23 said core being shaped and dimensioned such that the toy when thrown
24 randomly likely will bounce erratically; and,
25 (b) a felt cover affixed to said outer surface of said core and including a plurality
26 of fibers forming a soft compressible layer adjacent said outer surface.
- 27 12. (Canceled) An animal toy, including
28 (a) a compressibly elastically deformable hollow thin-walled *non-spherical* rubber
core sealingly circumscribing and enclosing a selected compressible
gaseous volume and including

- 1 (i) a center;
2 (ii) a *non-spherical* outer surface,
3 (iii) a wall *one-sixteenth to five-sixteenths* of an inch thick,
4 (iv) points on the outer surface at varying distances from the center,
5 (v) a *width*, and
6 (vi) a *length* greater than said width,
7 said core being shaped and dimensioned such that the toy when thrown
8 randomly *likely* will bounce erratically; and,
9 (b) a felt cover affixed to said outer surface of said core and including a plurality
10 of fibers forming a soft compressible layer adjacent said outer surface.
- 11 13. (Currently Amended) ~~An animal~~ A dog toy, including
12 (a) ~~a compressibly~~ an elongate bendable elastically deformable hollow thin-
13 walled non-spherical rubber core sealingly circumscribing and enclosing a
14 selected compressible gaseous volume and including a center, a non-
15 spherical outer surface, a wall one-sixteenth to five-sixteenths of an inch
16 thick, and points on the outer surface at varying distances from the center,
17 said core when bent subjecting part of said core to tensile forces while
18 another part of said core is subjected to compressive forces;
19 (b) a cover affixed to said outer surface of said core, said cover comprising a
20 firm woven cloth heavily napped and shrunk to produce a smooth resilient
21 texture;
22 (c) at least one elongate strip of material extending over said outer surface as
23 a line of demarcation to separate said felt cover into at least two areas, one
24 on either side of said strip of material.
- 25 14. (Withdrawn) An animal toy, including
26 (a) a compressibly elastically deformable hollow thin-walled non-spherical rubber
27 core sealingly circumscribing and enclosing a selected compressible
28 gaseous volume and including
(i) a center;
(ii) a non-spherical outer surface,

- 1 (iii) a wall one-sixteenth to five-sixteenths of an inch thick,
2 (iv) points on the outer surface at varying distances from the center, and
3 (v) an inner wall portion circumscribing an aperture extending completely
4 through said core;
5 (b) a cover affixed to said outer surface of said core, said cover comprising a
6 firm woven cloth heavily napped and shrunk to produce a smooth resilient
7 texture.
- 8 15. (Currently Amended) ~~An animal~~ A dog toy, including
9 (a) ~~a compressible~~ an elongate bendable compressible elastically deformable
10 thin-walled hollow symmetrical non-spherical rubber core sealingly
11 circumscribing and enclosing a selected compressible gaseous volume and
12 including
13 (i) a center;
14 (ii) a non-spherical outer surface,
15 (iii) a wall one-sixteenth to five-sixteenths of an inch thick,
16 (iv) points on the outer surface at varying distances from the center,
17 said core when bent subjecting part of said core to tensile forces while another part
18 of said core is subjected to compressive forces; and,
19 (b) a cover affixed to said outer surface of said core, said cover comprising a
20 firm woven cloth heavily napped and shrunk to form a smooth resilient
21 texture, said symmetrical core being shaped and dimensioned such that the
22 toy can be thrown to bounce
23 (i) along a straight line, and
24 (ii) erratically such that the direction of travel of the toy changes from
25 bounce to bounce due to the shape and dimension of the toy.
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